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Family Members,

We are happy to share that we had no positive results from the January 14th facility-wide testing. If this trend continues and the numbers in Ransom County decrease, we will be able to make some changes in various areas. Additional good news to share is that as of this date we have no residents or staff that are currently positive for COVID-19.

Inconclusive Test Results

Due to inconclusive testing results from the ND Department of Health Lab we have had changes in our positive case count. Individuals that were impacted by this have been contacted by the ND Department of Health and/or the North Dakota Veterans Home. Those with inconclusive tests were given the option to re-test, all that retested came back negative. This change has lowered our positivity rate. Please visit the COVID-19 update tab on our website to see accurate up-to-date data.

Vaccine Update

We have been given dates from the Ransom County Public Health team regarding the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination process. The team will be at the North Dakota Veterans Home on January 29th and February 4th to complete the vaccinations process. All are hopeful that changes in regulations and guidelines are to follow this vaccination course. By following CDC and State Health Department recommendations to protect our resident populations, we look forward to reducing the COVID-19 virus impact. .

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information. We are in this together!

Helpful links:

- NDVH COVID-19 Safety Plan: [Safety Plan](#)
- ND Statewide Map, Ransom County needs to be blue in order to advance to stage 3 in the VP3 reopening phases: [Active Cases of COVID-19 Per Capita](#)
- ND Department of Health COVID-19 [ND Cases](#)

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